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SUBJECT: ALLEGED POLICE BRUTALITY AGAINST CHARTER 77 SIGNERS

1. REPORTS MAY SOON APPEAR IN WESTERN PRESS OF ALLEGED POLICE BRUTALITY AGAINST SOME CHARTER 77 ADHERENTS(DETAILS IN SEPTEL). DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO TAKE NOTE OF THEM AT DAILY PRESS BRIEFING OR HAVE CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE IN HAND.

2. SUGGEST FOLLOWING GUIDANCE: "DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF REPORTS FROM PRAGUE OF SEVERAL INSTANCES OF POLICE BEATING CHARTER 77 SIGNERS, INCLUDING MUSIC CRITIC IVAN MEDEK AND LITERARY CRITIC BOHUMIL DOLEZAL. THESE VICTIMS OF BRUTALITY APPEAR TO BE SINGLED OUT FOR PERSECUTION MAINLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE CALLED UPON CZECH-SLOVAK LEADERSHIP TO HONOR ITS COMMITMENTS TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, THE UN COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK CONSTITUTION. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEPLORE POLICE BRUTALITY WHEREVER IT MAY OCCUR--IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE SOVIET UNION, SOUTH AFRICA OR THE UNITED STATES--AND ESPECIALLY WHEN IT APPEARS RELATED TO EFFORTS BY ORDINARY CITIZENS TO GAIN A DECENT RESPECT FOR THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, OF WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS A SIGNATORY. DECONTROL 4 YEARS FROM ORIGINATING DATE.
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